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In re Application of
Hahn-Carlson
Application No. 09/527,717
Filed: March 17, 2000
Attorney Docket No. USBA.004PA
For: VALIDATION APPROACH FOR
AUDITING A VENDOR-BASED
TRANSACTION

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed January 17, 2006 (certificate of mailing date January 13, 2006), requesting that the Office withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

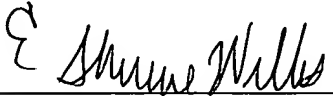
This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed June 6, 2005, which set forth an extendable three (3) month period for reply. The Office contended that this application became abandoned on September 7, 2005 for failure to reply to the June 6, 2005 non-final Office action. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 9, 2006.

Petitioner asserts a response to the June 6, 2005 non-final Office action and a request for a one month extension of time were timely filed on certificate of mailing date October 6, 2005. The undersigned finds this assertion completely convincing, as these documents are present in the application file and a review of Office financial records reveal that the required extension of time fee was charged.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **granted** and the Notice of Abandonment is **vacated**. No petition fee has been or will be charged in connection with this matter.

Accordingly, the application file will be forwarded to Technology Center A.U. 3621 for consideration of the amendment filed on October 11, 2005 (certificate of mailing date October 6, 2005).

Telephone inquiries pertaining to this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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